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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

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WHereas pursuant to Treaties Concluded between Us, or Our Predecessors, and the Government of Argiers, *several Passes have been Granted under the Hand Seal of Our Lord High Admirals, or the Commissioners for Executing that Office, of Our respective Dominions: And whereas Our Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of* Great Britain, *have humbly represented unto Us, That they have reason to apprehend, that several of the said Passes have been Clandestinely altered, as well in their Dates as otherwise, which may be very Prejudicial to the Trading Ships of Our Subjects: For the Preventing whereof We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Publishing and Declaring, That all such Passes, which shall have been so Issued, shall not continue longer in Force than for the space of Twelve Months from the Date of this Our Proclamation. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Loving Subjects, who are or shall be possessed of any such Passes, That they do, as soon as may be, return the same into the Office of Admiralty of* Great Britain, *in order to their being Cancelled, and New ones Granted in lieu thereof for their several Ships, according to the said Treaties, and Our Instructions given to the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of* Great Britain *touching the same.*

Given at our Court at *Windsor*, the Seventeenth Day of *January*, 1713. In the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

Palermo, December 28. *N. S.* The King of Sicily having fix'd on the 21st Instant for his solemn Entry into this City, a magnificent Tent was set up for that purpose in the Plain of St. Erasmus, which extends it self along the Walls of the Town. In the Morning their Majesty's went thither without any Ceremony, and found the Nobility, Clergy and Magistrates ready to attend them in their Cavalcade, which was perform'd with great State. At one of the Gates, call'd Porta Greca, the Arch-Bishop waited at the Head of a Procession of Clergy. Here their Majesties alighted, and kissed the Cross which was presented to them by that Prelate; then they mounted again on Horseback, and continued their March along the Sea-side to the Gate Felicia, where the Pretor made his Majesty a short Compliment, and presented him with the Keys of the Town. The King express'd the Confidence he had in the Fidelity of his Citizens, and immediately return'd the Keys, proceeding to the Cathedral, where, after Divine Service was perform'd, the Prince of Valdina, Pronothary of the Kingdom, read the Oath of Fidelity, which was administer'd to the Clergy, Nobility, Officers of the Crown, and Deputies of the States. Then the Pronothary read the Oath, containing the Conservation of the Privileges of the Kingdom, which his Majesty took; and the Prince of Scordia, Pretor of Palermo, presented him with the Book of the Constitutions and Rights of the City, which the King likewise swore to preserve. When this Function was over, their Majesties return'd to the Royal Palace. The Evening concluded with a Firework and Illuminations, which were continued for three Nights successively. The 24th was the Day appointed for the Coronation, to which their Majesties went in the following Order. In the first Coach were the Great Chamberlain and two Gentlemen of the Bed-Chamber, one carrying the King's Sword, Scepter and Crown, the other the Queen's Scepter and Crown: The Queen's first Gentleman-Usher and their Majesties Almoners were in another Coach: The Nobility came after on Horseback without observing any Rank of Precedence, only the Knights of the Order were last, and after them Prince Thomas of Savoy: Then came their Majesties Coach drawn with eight Horses; on each side were two Files of the Guards du Corps, the Lieutenant and Cornet riding by the Doors of the Coach, which was follow'd by other Guards with their Officers: Then the Master of the Horse and the Captain of the Guard on Horseback: Afterwards another Coach empty; and last of all came the Coaches of the Queen's Ladies of the Bedchamber and Maids of Honour. When they arrived at the Cathedral, the Great Chamberlain enter'd first, and deliver'd the Royal Ensigns into the Hands of the Arch-Bishop, who laid them on the Altar. The whole Court follow'd the Great Chamberlain into the Church, where the Arch-Bishop, assisted by several other Bishops, perform'd the Ceremony of Anointing and Crowning the King, and then the Queen. As soon as Divine Service was ended, their Majesties return'd to the Royal Palace in the same Order as they came.

Hanover, January 23. *N. S.* The Princes and Princesses of the House of Wolfenbuttel are come to this Place to enjoy the Diversions of the Carnaval. But the Duke himself being indispos'd, continues still at Brunswick. The Secretary, who was nam'd some time ago, to reside at the Czar's Court on the Part of his Electoral Highness, set out Yesterday for Petersbourg. Letters from Dantzick bring an account, that the Poles make great Complaints of King Augustus's departure for Saxony, notwithstanding their Remonstrances, that his Presence was necessary in the Kingdom, and that great Inconveniencies would result from his being at a distance. These advices add, that there was a general Discontent against the Saxon Troops, and his Majesty was desired to withdraw them out of Poland.

Paris, January 26. *N. S.* Some Days ago a Courier from Mareschal Villars arrived at Versailles, and brought a Project of Peace with the Emperor proposed by Prince Eugene, which was examined in Council, and not approv'd of. The Court is therefore preparing to send back a Counter-Project, containing the utmost Concessions his Majesty will make towards the Conclusion of a Treaty. In the mean time Directions are given for furnishing the Magazines, and providing all Things necessary for another Campaign.

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